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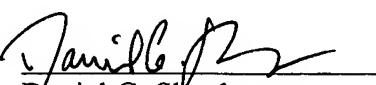
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2. The references were cited in a corresponding foreign application. An English translation of the Japanese Official Action is attached for the Examiner's information.

3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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